A SPECIAL SERVICE

ON

THE SUNDAY PRECEDING THE CORONATION OF

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

HELD IN

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

AT THE INVITATION OF

THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK

TRINITY SUNDAY, THE THIRTY-FIRST OF MAY

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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OF THE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS

7:00 P.M.

ORGAN VOLUNTARIES *Purcell, Parry, Handel*

8:00 P.M.

PROCESSION

¶ ***The Congregation will stand, and remain standing until the end of the Psalm.***

¶ ***The Bishop of New York shall begin the Service, saying,***

THE SENTENCES

GOD is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God in him. *I St. John* 4:16

The Glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the works of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work. *Psalm* 90:17

Honour all men. Love the Brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. *I St. Peter* 2:17

¶ ***The Bishop shall then say this Exhortation:***

BELOVED, we are come together, in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer our worship to the holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, the one living God.

We are also come together to pray for Queen Elizabeth, that both now, at her anointing and coronation, and always, in her ministry, God may endue her richly with all wisdom and grace; and for all her peoples, that they may be enabled to do all that their true service to God and to their Sovereign doth require.

And that we may make these prayers out of a pure heart, let us prepare our souls and minds by singing together one of the songs of Sion.

¶ ***Then shall be sung***

PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum* ANGLICAN CHANT

O praise the Lord from the heavens, | praise him • in the | heights.
2 *Praise him all ye angels of his, | praise him | all his | host.

3 Praise him sun and moon, praise him all ye | stars and | light.
4 *Praise him all ye heavens, and ye waters that | are a|bove the | heavens.

5 Let them praise the | Name of • the | Lord:
*for he spake the word, and they were made;
he com|manded, and | they were • cre|ated.

6 He hath made them fast for | ever and | ever:
*he hath given them a | law which • shall | not be | broken.

7 Praise the | Lord • from the | earth,
*ye | dragons and | all | deeps;

8 Fire and hail, | snow and | vapours,
*wind and | storm, ful|filling his | word;

9 Mountains and | all | hills;
*fruitful | trees and | all | cedars;

10 Beasts and | all | cattle;
*creeping | things and | flying | fowls;

11 Kings of the earth, and | all | peoples;
*princes, and all | judges | of the | world;

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the | Name of • the | Lord:
*for his Name only is excellent, and his | praise a-bove | heaven and | earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people:
all his | saints shall | praise him;
*even the children of Israel, | even the | people that | serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son,
*and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be,
*world without | end. | A-|men.

¶ ***Then shall the Congregation be seated.***

THE FIRST LESSON I Kings 3:5-10

read by SIR HENRY HOBSON, K.B.E.
Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General at New York

¶ ***Then shall all stand to sing***

A HYMN LAUDA ANIMA

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

¶ *Then shall the Congregation be seated.*

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

read by HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GLADWYN JEBB, K.C.M.G., C.B.
Permanent United Kingdom Delegate to The United Nations

¶ *Then shall all stand to sing*

A HYMN PRAISE TO THE LORD

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath breath join with Abraham's seed to adore him!
Let the "Amen"
Sum all our praises again
Now as we worship before him. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop having come to the Pulpit, the Congregation shall be seated to hear*

THE ADDRESS

THE RIGHT REVEREND HORACE W. B. DONEGAN, D.D.
BISHOP OF NEW YORK

¶ *After the Address, the Congregation will stand at the Bishop's Bidding, and remain standing during the Prayers following.*

Let us pray for Her Majesty the Queen, following in order the chief moments of the Coronation Service.

1. Remember the Presentation of the Bible.

O GOD, who hast set forth in thy Holy Scriptures the only Rule by which Christians may live and Princes reign: Grant that Queen Elizabeth, being devoutly mindful of thy Law and Gospel, may ever find therein revealed true wisdom, the royal Law, and the lively Oracles of God; through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

2. Remember the Anointing of the Queen.

The Bishop. Send her help from the Sanctuary;
Answer. And strengthen her out of thy Holy Place.

O LORD and heavenly Father, the exalter of the humble, the strength of thy chosen, who by anointing with oil didst of old make and consecrate kings, priests, and prophets, to teach and govern thy people Israel: Bless and sanctify thy chosen servant Elizabeth, at this time to be anointed with oil and consecrated Queen; strengthen her, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter; confirm and stablish her with thy free and princely Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and government, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill her, O Lord, with the Spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

3. Remember the Delivery of the Sword.

HEAR our prayers, O Lord, we beseech thee, and so direct and support thy servant Queen Elizabeth, that she may not bear in vain the sword, brought from the altar of God and delivered to her, but may use it as the minister of God, to do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the holy Church of God, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

4. Remember the Delivery of the Orb.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose beloved Son, to redeem the world, did reign from the cross; Grant that thy servant Queen Elizabeth, receiving the orb set under the cross, may ever be mindful that the whole world is subject to his power and empire, who is the Prince of the kings of the earth, and of whose kingdom there shall be no end. *Amen.*

5. Remember the Investiture with the Ring.

O CHRIST, the Head of the Church and Prince of the kings of the earth: Look mercifully upon thy servant Elizabeth, now to receive the ring of kingly dignity, the seal of Catholic Faith; and grant that as she is to be consecrated Head and Prince of her peoples, so she may continue stedfastly the Defender of thy Religion all her days, so that, being rich in faith and blessed in all good works, she may finally be brought to the glory of thine eternal kingdom; where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

6. Remember her Crowning.

O GOD, the crown of the faithful; Bless, we beseech thee, and sanctify thy servant Elizabeth the Queen, upon whose head thou dost at this time set the crown for a sign of royal majesty, that she may be filled by thine abundant grace with all princely virtues; through the King eternal, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

7. Remember her Enthroning.

The Bishop. Grant thou her heart's desire;
Answer. And perform all her petitions.

O GOD, whose greatness may not be uttered, the author of the world, creator of mankind, governor of empires, and establisher of all kingdoms: Bless, we beseech thee, thy servant the Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, with the richest blessings of thy grace; establish her in the throne of her kingdom by thy mighty aid and protection; be unto her a strong tower of defence in the time of adversity; let her reign be prosperous and her days many; let peace and love and holiness, truth, and all Christian virtues flourish in her time; let her people obey her with all duty and reverence; and let her so duly obey thee here on earth that she may hereafter reign with thee for ever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop.

And now, brethren, summing up all our petitions in the words which Christ hath taught us, we make bold to say,

The Bishop and the People.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trepass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *As the Bishop moves to his Cathedra, the Choir will sing*

THE ANTHEM *Parry*

I WAS glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.* O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

(This Anthem, first used at the Coronation of King Edward VII, will be sung during the Queen's Entrance into the Abbey Church of Westminster.

* At this point, on the Day of the Coronation, the Queen's Scholars of Westminster School will exercise their ancient privilege of welcoming the new Sovereign; they will shout *Vivat Regina! Vivat Regina Elizabetha! vivat! vivat!*)

¶ ***When the Bishop moves to the High Altar, the Congregation shall stand and remain standing during the remaining portions of the Service.***

A Prayer for the Nations of the Commonwealth.

The Bishop. This God is our God for ever and ever:
Answer. He shall be our Guide unto death.

ALMIGHTY God, who rulest in the kingdom of men and hast given to the Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, a great dominion in all parts of the earth: Draw together, we pray thee, in true fellowship the men of divers races, languages, and customs, who dwell therein, that, bearing one another's burdens, and working together in brotherly concord, they may fulfill the purpose of thy everlasting kingdom. Pardon, we beseech thee, their sins and shortcomings: keep far from them all selfishness and pride: and give them grace to employ thy good gifts of order and freedom to thy glory and the welfare of mankind; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and dominion, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Family of Nations.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, guide, we beseech thee, the Nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Congregation join heartily in the singing of*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER — NATIONAL ANTHEM

O THUS be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN — HARMONIA ANGLICANA

GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen!

THE BLESSING — THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK

THE RETIRING PROCESSION